grade and pave streets and lay flag or stepping stones across the same, to provide the width of the sidewalks on such streets to be paved, and the material to be used in paving, and to require the owners of lots of ground in front of which such grading or paving is to be done to do the same at their own expense, respectively; and if the owner of any lot or parcel of ground in front of which said sidewalk has been required to be graded or paved, as aforesaid, shall neglect to grade or pave the same for the space of two months after notice has been given by the Mayor, the Common Council may direct the Mayor to cause the same to be done at the expense of said owner, and the cost or expense thereof shall be a lien on such lot or lots, respectively, and may be recovered by said Mayor and Common Council from said owner or owners of such lots as other debts of like amount are recoverable by law.

Grade and pave.

Expense of.

Sec. 15. Act of eighteen hundred and seventy, That the said Mayor and Common Council shall have power to provide for laying out, opening and extending, altering or widening any road, street or alley in the limits of said town, and to fix the dimensions thereof which, in their judgment, the public welfare and convenience may require; to provide for ascertaining whether any and what amount in value of damage will be caused thereby, for which the owner of any property through or over which such road, street or alley may pass, ought to be compensated and paid; and for assessing and laying either generally on the whole assessable property in said corporate limits, or specially on the property of persons benefited by such improvement, the whole or any part of the damages and expenses which may be incurred in laying out, opening, extending, altering or widening such road, street or alley; to provide, in case they shall determine to levy and assess the whole or any part of said damages and expenses upon the owner or owners of the property in said town specially

Improvement.

Damage.